



## Get to Know Sweet Home Alabama

***Relaxing, authentic, charming, magical describe the uniquely rewarding experiences in Alabama enabling indulgence in every sensory detail.***

### FOOD

Alabama is quickly becoming known as a foodie destination. Whether it's our mouth-watering chicken with white sauce, fresh-from-the-Gulf seafood, or our many James Beard award-winning restaurants, there's something for every taste. Take a look at the *100 Dishes to Eat in Alabama*—it will get you to slow down and take your taste buds on vacation with you.

The Spot of Tea in Mobile has not one but two items on the *100 Dishes* list. This spot has everything from breakfast, brunch, lunch and even tea parties. The Bananas Foster French Toast is something you need to order and will talk about for months after!

Hot and Hot Fish Club in Birmingham is a place where the food rules and the casual elegance of the atmosphere welcomes everyone to simply relax and enjoy. The seafood is perfectly paired with wine by chef and owner Chris Hastings. The restaurant has won national recognition, including Best Chef from the James Beard Foundation.

If you are in need of some comfort food with an award-winning chef, then Acre in Auburn is the place to go. The Butcher Board is everything in a charcuterie board but so much bigger. The menu is always fresh and in season and the dining experience is the epitome of southern hospitality. Chef and owner, David Bancroft and his team have racked up several awards and recognition, striving to bring a new flair to farm-to-table.

Cotton Row in Huntsville also has the honor of having two dishes on the *100 Dishes* list. The Braised Meyer

Ranch Beef Short Ribs is a great main course, of course, especially when paired with the Fried Green Tomatoes. While peanut butter and jelly has been the All-American lunchtime sandwich, the combination goes gourmet at Cotton Row. Their dessert on the *100 Dishes* list—PB&J in Phyllo—will have you coming back for more.

### HISTORY

Take a step back in time and watch history unfold at the many historical sites throughout the state. In Alabama, you can explore the cave dwellings of our earliest ancestors or the rocketry that took man to the moon, all the while reliving events that forever changed our nation and our world.

The Alabama Civil Rights Trail is a compelling example. Along the trail, you can discover historic churches, landmarks, and locations where history was made at inspiring sites in Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham.

### OUTDOORS

Marvel in the beauty of our many trails and waterways that are sure to take you off the beaten path. Alabama's 22 state parks encompass 48,000 acres of some of its most beautiful and diverse landscapes. In each, you'll find endless opportunities to hike, bike, paddle, climb, swim, camp, fish or whatever your outdoor passion.

### MUSIC

See where the hits have been and continue to be made in the historic Muscle Shoals. Many of those artists, from Aretha Franklin to the Black Keys, have recorded at studios such as FAME and the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio.

The Orion is Alabama's newest, state-of-the-art venue. This amphitheater in Huntsville opens in May 2022 and already has a massive line-up of exciting artists from Kenny Chesney to Widespread Panic.

For more great experiences, including the *100 Dishes to Eat in Alabama*, visit [alabama.travel](http://alabama.travel).

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